

Users Guide



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TripMaker®

The easiest way to plan your trip!

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Welcome

Welcome to TripMaker® 1998 Edition, the easiest way to plan your trip! Use TripMaker® to arrange your travel plans, complete with detailed route maps, driving directions, and attraction information.

Register

Be sure to fill out and return your customer registration card to get free technical support and the lowest possible prices on new editions of **TripMaker**. Or, register your copy of **TripMaker** on the Rand McNally Website at www.randmcnally.com.

Package Contents

You should have received the following in your **TripMaker** 1998 Edition package:

- One CD-ROM in a jewel case
- A registration card
- This Users Guide
- Product literature

What's New

A best seller since its introduction, **TripMaker** combines superior routing and comprehensive multimedia travel guides in one easy-to-use package. A major upgrade, **TripMaker** 1998 Edition includes a wealth of new features and updates.

Improved, Easier-to-Use Interface. The new design is more simple and easier to use. Six key buttons lead you to features that logically step through the tasks of researching and planning a trip.

More Detailed Maps. One million miles of routable highways and new, searchable street-level detail for key cities let you generate accurate routes and pinpoint addresses.

RoadSense™. Choose the quickest, shortest, or most scenic route. Then, connect to the Rand McNally Website to check current road conditions and let RoadSense™ recommend the optimal route to avoid construction.

MoneyMinder. Search by rate for hotels and restaurants throughout North America. Use the new Cost feature to estimate your travel spending. Check the MoneyMinder tips, then connect to the Rand McNally Website to find more money-saving travel information.

Highway Exits. Now exits for the U.S. Interstate Highway System are shown on the map with their associated exit numbers.

Working with TripMaker®1998—the Basics

TripMaker has two main views you'll be working from: the Guides screen and the main map view. Here's a quick look at what you'll find.

Guides Screen

Guides take you through your trip plan step by step

Bursts take you to many of the new TripMaker options.



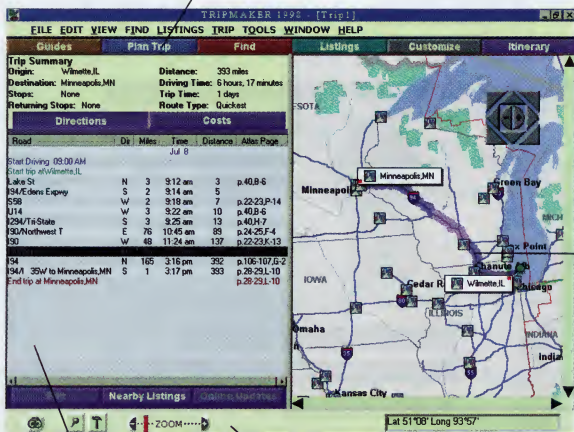
The Gallery lets you preview multimedia travel content.

Rand McNally Online connects you to the Rand McNally Website.

View Map takes you to the main map view.

Key buttons lead you to trip planning tools and travel information.

Main Map View



The map displays your route. You can also create and revise your trip plans directly from the map by clicking on map elements.

The Itinerary displays your directions and cost estimates.

Toolbar buttons offer tools to navigate, annotate and magnify the map.

Getting Started

It's fun and easy to plan a trip with **TripMaker**. There are several features that can help novice users:

Guides. Using text and audio instructions, the Guides show you how to plan a trip step-by-step.

Tutorials. The Tutorials offer quick and easy lessons for some of the key features in **TripMaker**. From the main map view, the Guides and Tutorials can be quickly accessed by clicking the Guides button.

Tooltips. Pass your cursor over the toolbar buttons and dialog boxes to see brief help messages.

Help. Select Help Topics from the Help Menu to access program help. Within a dialog box, click the Help button to see an overview of how to use the dialog box.

The Readme file. The Readme file contains important information and instructions that could not be included in the Help system. You can read this file when you install **TripMaker**, or read it later by going to the Windows® Explorer and double clicking on the file *readme.txt*. **TripMaker** files are found in the Program Files directory unless you have chosen to install them somewhere else.

You're ready to create a trip plan! The brief instructions that follow will show you how to use the many features in **TripMaker** to plan a trip, gather travel information, and make your travel arrangements.

Planning a Route and Itinerary

1. Press

Plan Trip

2. In the Plan Trip window, enter an origin and destination. If you choose the Round Trip option, use the Duration button to specify how long you will stay at your destination. Now, press the Calculate Route button. You have just created a trip plan! Press Plan Trip again to use the other boxes and buttons in the window to customize your trip.

Tip! Click the Guides button and try the Trip Guide if you prefer a step-by-step method of planning a route and creating an itinerary.

Adding Attractions and Accommodations

You can explore attractions and accommodations using the Listings window and add them to your route from the map label.

Finding Stopovers with the Listings window:

1. Press

Listings

2. Use the Listings window to select the type of travel information you are interested in and view more information about specific locations along your route. When you highlight a specific location in the Listings box, a label appears on the map showing you where the listing is located.

Tip! If the Show Filter button highlights when you choose a category, it means you can press the button to make additional choices about the listings you want to see.

Adding a stopover from a map label:

1. Press  **Customize**
2. Use the Customize window to select the types of travel information you want to appear as icons on the map. Check the “Show expanded attraction choices” box if you want to make additional choices about the listings that appear.
3. Click on icons along your route to see labels, and click on the labels to see more information and add locations to your trip route.

Tip! Click the Guides button and try the Explorer Guide if you prefer a step-by-step method of adding attractions and accommodations to your trip.

Staying Within Your Budget

TripMaker helps you estimate and control your travel costs.

To estimate your travel costs:

1. Go to the Detailed Trip Settings window and press the Costs button.
2. Fill in your estimated expenses for the trip.
3. When you have entered your costs and any other trip settings, press the Calculate Route button. **TripMaker** will use your actual trip days and mileage to compute your trip costs.
4. Go to the Costs tab of the Itinerary to see your total estimated travel costs. You can select a line and press the Edit button if you want to edit a particular cost.

Finding hotels and restaurants within your price range:

1. Press  Listings
2. Select any hotel or restaurant category in the Locate box, then enter the area you want to search.
3. Click the Show Filter button. In the filter, choose the “Only restaurants/hotels with all the following amenities” option, then enter the price range you want a hotel room or meal to fall within. Click OK.
4. The hotels or restaurants that appear in the Listings window fall within your price range. Use the More Info button to learn about any location in the list.

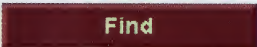
Getting more help and advice on travel costs:

1. Click the Guides button, then click on the MoneyMinder burst.
2. Press the Budget Tips button to read tips about saving money on all kinds of travel costs.
3. Press the MoneyMinder Online button to go to the Rand McNally Website, which contains more cost-cutting tips and a forum for readers to share cost-saving advice.

Tip! TripMaker has Web links for saving money in many top vacation areas. The Online Info button on any attraction page will take you to a specially created Web page with links for that location.

Finding a Place on the Map:

1. Press

 Find

2. Enter the name of a city, attraction, hotel or restaurant in the location box and confirm your choice by selecting it in the box below.
3. Press the Show on Map button to see the location labeled on the map.

Tip! You can find street addresses inside the TripMaker city inset maps. Use the Address tab in the Find window to enter the address you are looking for.

Finding More Travel Information on the Internet

TripMaker makes it easy to find travel information on the Internet.

- On the Guides screen, the Rand McNally Online button takes you to the Rand McNally Website on the Internet where you'll find a broad range of travel information, services and products.
- On many attraction pages (which you'll find by pressing the More Info button for a listing) you will find an Online Info button, that leads you to a set of Web links specific to the location.

Getting Construction and Weather Information from the Web

1. First, calculate a trip route.
2. Go to the Itinerary and press the Online Updates button at the bottom of the Directions tab.
3. Choose the type of information you want and click OK to obtain it using the Internet. **TripMaker** will download information from the Internet to display a weather map, or prompt you to see how current road conditions may affect your route.

Upgrading from TripMaker® 1997

TripMaker 1997 users can still find their favorite features in **TripMaker** 1998.

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Press the Plan Trip button.



Press the Find button.



Press '+' or '-' on the compass or use the Zoom tool at the bottom of the screen.



Press the Listings button to search for attractions; press Customize to change the categories that appear on the map.



From the Trip menu, select Detailed Settings.



On the Guides screen, press the Trip Guide button.



Click on the map tools icon at the bottom of the **TripMaker** screen.



Click on the CD-ROM icon at the bottom of the **TripMaker** screen to connect to StreetFinder™.

Troubleshooting

If this occurs:

Do this:

Program won't install

1. Make sure your CD-ROM is working properly.
2. Do you have enough hard disk space? A minimum of 24 MB is required.
3. Close all programs before installing **TripMaker**. Press CTRL+ALT+DEL to bring up the Task List dialog. Select a program in the list and click End Task to close it. Repeat until only Explorer Systray is running.
4. Check your CD for scratches and other defects.

Program seems sluggish

1. Do you have at least 8 MB of RAM?
2. Check the installation option you chose. You may want to re-install with a faster installation option.

Program won't connect to Internet

Check your browser setup in the Tools menu. This program is compatible with Netscape and Internet Explorer.

If this occurs:

Can't hear sound

All map elements
are not displayed

Some functions aren't
explained in the manual

Phone numbers and
addresses are not
correct

Do this:

Try playing audio through another program, such as Media Player. If you can't hear sound, check your sound card configuration, your volume setting, and make sure your speakers are turned on.

1. Make sure your CD is in the CD-ROM drive.
2. Look under View/Map Elements to be sure map elements are turned on.

Check the Readme file for a review of program changes that may have occurred after this manual was sent to the printer.

Rand McNally makes every effort to provide the most up-to-date information available. However, this information is subject to change without notice.

Technical Support

You can find fast answers to most questions by looking under Help on the **TripMaker** menu bar. If you need technical support:

- Access Rand McNally's Website on the World Wide Web at <http://www.randmcnally.com>. Go to the "Hey, Rand McNally" section to reach New Media Technical Support.
- Send an e-mail directly to New Media Technical Support at this address:
nmtssupport@randmcnally.com.
- Call Rand McNally New Media Technical Support at (847) 982-0944 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Be sure to have your serial number, your system configuration and description of problem.
- Fax Rand McNally New Media Technical Support at (847) 675-6368.
- Access Rand McNally's CompuServe forum by typing GO RAND. If you are not a member, you may join CompuServe by calling (800) 621-1258.
- You may write to Rand McNally New Media Technical Support at:
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Skokie, IL 60076-2970

System Requirements

- Windows® 95 or Windows NT® 4.0
- IBM PC 80486 or compatible machine or greater
- 8MB of RAM (16MB recommended)
- Hard drive with 24MB of available space
- Double speed CD-ROM or faster
- Internet features require a compatible browser and Internet Service Provider.

Installing TripMaker®

Follow these instructions to install **TripMaker** with Windows® 95 or with Windows NT® 4.0.

1. Insert the CD in the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click the Start button in the Windows® 95 Taskbar.
3. Type "d:\setup" where "d" is your CD-ROM drive.
4. Press Enter.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions.

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